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This report contains the results from the *September 2007 Agricultural Yield and Objective Yield Surveys* which were conducted to obtain acreage, yield, and production estimates for corn, cotton, rice, sorghum, and soybeans. The data are also posted on our Web site at the Internet address above, and in a more detailed U.S. report at www.usda.gov/nass/. Thanks to all who responded to the questionnaires or interviews for these surveys.

Arkansas Corn Yield and Production Forecast at Record Highs in 2007

Corn: Corn for grain production is forecast at 82.2 million bushels, up 1 percent from last month's forecast and up 213 percent from 2006. If realized, this will be the largest corn crop in Arkansas history, surpassing the previous record set in 1921 by 52 percent. Based on conditions as of September 1, yield is expected to average a record setting 155 bushels per acre, up 2 bushels per acre from last month and up 9 bushels per acre from last year. Producers expect to harvest 530,000 acres of corn for grain, up 194 percent from 2006.

Cotton: Arkansas cotton revised planted acres are 860,000 acres, up 30,000 acres from June 2007. Harvested acres are estimated at 850,000 acres, up 30,000 acres from June 2007, but down 27 percent from 2006. All cotton production is forecast at 1.85 million 480-pound bales, unchanged from the August 1 forecast, and down 675,000 bales from last year. Yield is expected to average 1,045 pounds per harvested acre, tied as the second highest yield on record, down 38 pounds from the August 1 forecast, and unchanged from last year's yield.

Rice: Arkansas revised all rice planted acres are 1.33 million acres, up 30,000 acres from June 2007. Producers expect to harvest a revised 1.33 million acres of rice, up 30,000 acres from June 2007, but down 75,000 acres from 2006. Breakdowns by grain length are: long grain harvested at 1.18 million acres, down 9 percent from 2006, medium grain harvested at 145,000 acres, up 21 percent from last year, and short grain harvested at 1,000 acres, the same as last year. The 2007 total rice production for the state is forecast at 92.1 million hundredweight (cwt), up 2 percent from the August 1 forecast, but down 4 percent from last year's production. Based on conditions as of September 1, the all rice yield for 2007 is forecast at 6,950 pounds per acre, unchanged from the August 1 forecast, but up 100 pounds from last year's yield and the second highest on record.

Sorghum: Sorghum for grain production in 2007 is forecast at 18.3 million bushels, unchanged from the August 1 forecast but up 258 percent from a year ago. Based on September 1 conditions, yield is expected to average a new record high of 87 bushels per acre, unchanged from the August 1 forecast, but up 2 bushels per acre from last year. If realized, the 2007 yield would surpass the previous record high of 86 bushels per acre set in 2001. Area for grain harvest, at 210,000 acres, is up 250 percent, or 150,000 acres from 2006.

Soybeans: Soybean production in 2007 is forecast at 105 million bushels, unchanged from the August 1 forecast but down 3 percent from the previous year. Based on September 1 conditions, Arkansas soybean yield is forecast at 38 bushels per acre, unchanged from the August 1 forecast, and up 3 bushels per acre from last year. Harvested acres are estimated at 2.75 million, down 320,000 acres from 2006.

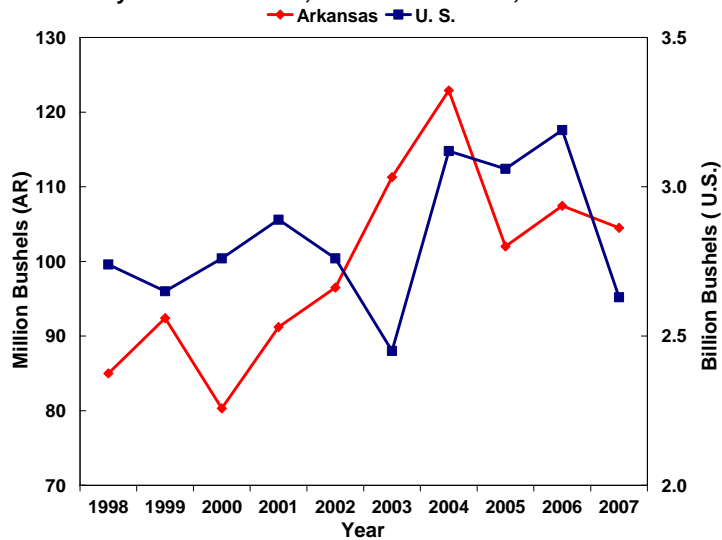
Area Harvested, Yield, and Production, Arkansas and U.S., 2006 and Forecasted September 1, 2007

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Crop	Unit	Area Harvested		Yield		Production	
		2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007
		1,000 Acres		Per Acre		1,000 Units	
Arkansas							
Corn for Grain	Bushels	180	530	146	155	26,280	82,150
Cotton, All	1	1,160	850	1,045	1,045	2,525	1,850
Rice, All	2	1,400	1,325	6,850	6,950	95,917	92,088
Sorghum for Grain	Bushels	60	210	85	87	5,100	18,270
Soybeans for Beans	Bushels	3,070	2,750	35	38	107,450	104,500
United States							
Corn for Grain	Bushels	70,648	85,418	149.1	155.8	10,534,868	13,307,999
Cotton, All	1	12,731.5	10,543	814	811	21,587.8	17,812
Rice, All	2	2,821	2,731	6,868	7,024	193,736	191,829
Sorghum for Grain	Bushels	4,937	6,698	56.2	73.9	277,538	494,750
Soybeans for Beans	Bushels	74,602	63,265	42.7	41.4	3,188,247	2,618,796

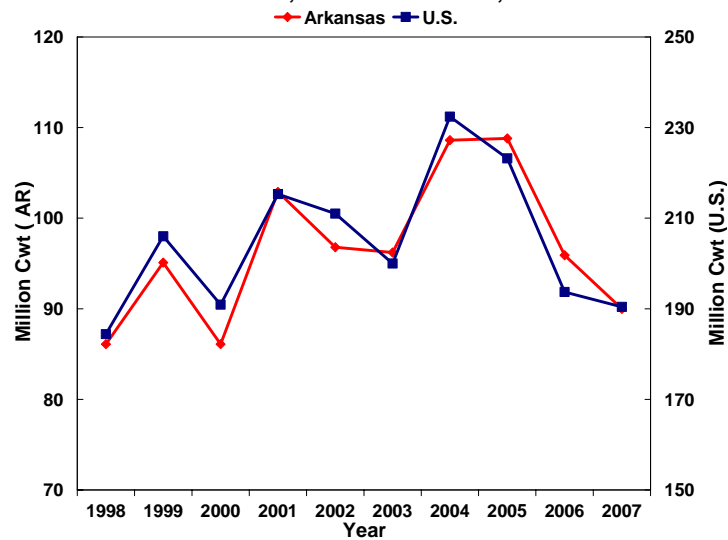
¹ Cotton yield is reported in pounds per acre and production is reported in 480 pound bales.

² Rice yield is reported in pounds per acre and production is reported in hundredweight (cwt).

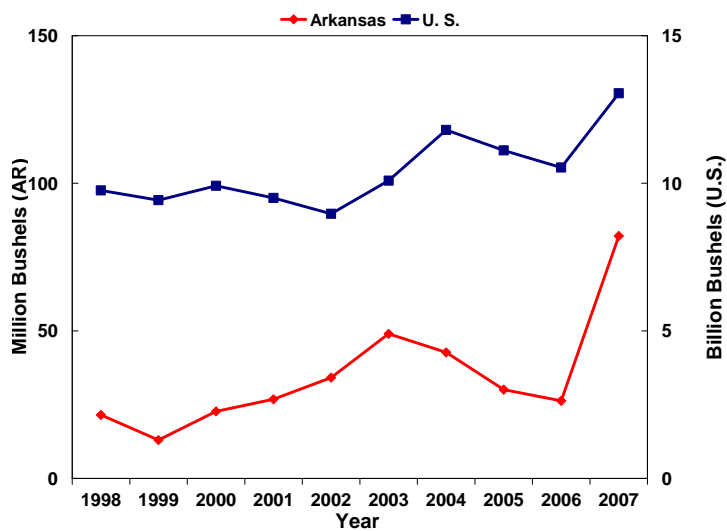
Soybean Production, Arkansas and U.S., 1998-2007¹



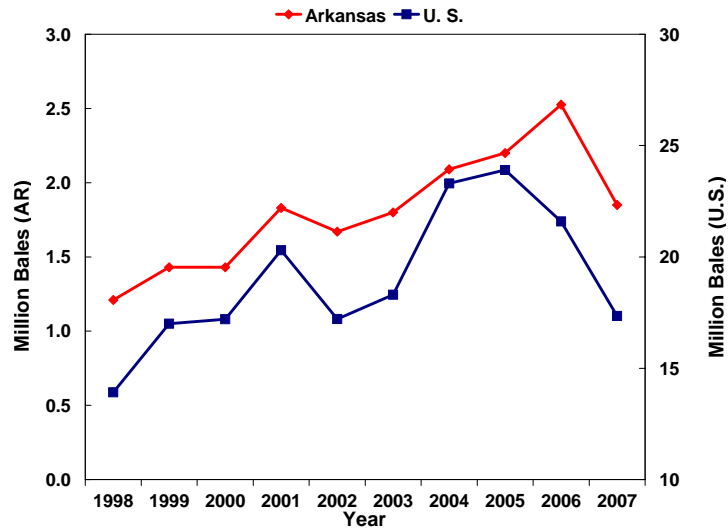
Rice Production, Arkansas and U.S., 1998-2007¹



Corn Production, Arkansas and U.S., 1998-2007¹



Upland Cotton Production, Arkansas and U.S., 1998-2007¹



¹ Forecasted Production for 2007 as of September 1, 2007.